

**EAST RIDING**

# FESTIVAL OF WORDS

**WED 7 –  
SUN 18  
OCT  
2020**

**ONLINE LITERATURE  
FESTIVAL**

**JOIN US THIS YEAR AS WE TAKE  
THE FESTIVAL OF WORDS ONLINE!**



We have an eclectic line up of fact and fiction authors including; bestselling crime writers; **LJ Ross**, **A.A Dhand** and **Vaseem Khan**, stunt man, racing driver and former 'Stig' from BBC Top Gear, **Ben Collins** and bestselling author, anti-apartheid campaigner and former MP, **Peter Hain**.

**All events are free, and booking opens on Monday, 28 September at 10am – visit the website and follow us on social media!**

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**ERWORDFEST**



**TIME****AUTHOR****EVENT**

## Wednesday's 7, 14 and 21 October

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| 2pm | <b>Cassandra Parkin</b> | Creative Writing Workshop |
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## Thursday, 15 October

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| 7-8pm | <b>Louise Beech</b> | East Riding Big Read: I am Dust – <i>Psychological Thriller</i> |
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## Friday, 16 October

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| 7-8pm | <b>Peter Hain</b> | The Rhino Conspiracy – <i>Political Thriller</i> |
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## MURDER DAY! Saturday, 17 October

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| 10-11am | <b>L J Ross</b> | Dark Skies – <i>Crime Fiction</i> |
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| 12 noon<br>-1pm | <b>Vaseem Khan/<br/>Abir Mukherjee</b> | Murderous Empire: From the Raj to independent India |
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| 2-3pm | <b>A.A.Dhand /<br/>Marnie Riches</b> | Criminally Gritty in the City – <i>Urban Noir</i> |
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| 4-5pm | <b>Stuart Turton</b> | The Devil and the Dark Water – <i>Thriller</i> |
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| 6-7pm | <b>Ben Lamb</b> | You're Nicked – <i>Exploring UK TV police crime drama series</i> |
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## Sunday, 18 October

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| 10-11am | <b>Schwa</b> | The Hope of a Tree – <i>A musical, poetic experience</i> |
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| 12 noon<br>-1pm | <b>Natasha Pulley /<br/>Nydia Hetherington</b> | Myth, Magic and History – <i>Historical fiction/fairy tale</i> |
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| 2-3pm | <b>David Reynolds</b> | Slow Road to San Francisco – <i>Travel</i> |
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| 4-5pm | <b>Ben Collins</b> | From the Roaring 20s to the 2020s: Aston Martin<br>– <i>Automobile/Lifestyle</i> |
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**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE – BOOKING OPENS ON MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER AT 10AM**

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## WEDNESDAYS 7, 14 and 21 October



2pm

### CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH CASSANDRA PARKIN



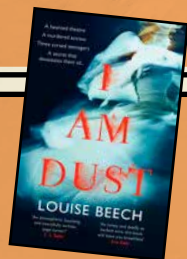
Join Cassandra as she shares her knowledge and skills as a bestselling writer in an online writing workshop delivered over three weeks from October 7 to 21. The first two sessions are 2-4pm and the last session is 2-3pm.

## THURSDAY 15 October



7-8pm

### LOUISE BEECH: THE BIG READ *I AM DUST*



Popular local author Louise Beech is our 'Author in Residence' and will be discussing her new psychological thriller *I Am Dust* with her friend and Radio Humberside presenter, Fiona Mills.

## FRIDAY 16 October



7-8pm

### PETER HAIN *THE RHINO CONSPIRACY*



Peter Hain was brought up in South Africa and moved to the UK when his anti-apartheid parents were forced into exile in 1966. He was a leader of the Anti-Apartheid Movement and the Anti-Nazi League during the 1970s and 1980s.

A Labour MP between 1991 and 2015 and a senior government minister for twelve years, he chaired the UN Security Council, negotiated international Treaties curbing nuclear proliferation, banning the trade in blood diamonds and the 2007 Northern Ireland peace settlement.

After writing and editing over 21 books, *The Rhino Conspiracy* is his first novel and an epic tale of corruption, collusion and courage set in contemporary South Africa.



# MURDER DAY Saturday, 17 October



## NICK QUANTRILL *HOST FOR 'MURDER DAY'*

Local crime fiction author Nick Quantrill will host our ever popular Murder Day, chatting to a range of fascinating crime authors as they delve into their dark and gritty books.



## 10am LJ ROSS *DARK SKIES*

A fabulous storyteller, this international bestselling author is best known for creating atmospheric mystery and thriller novels, including the DCI Ryan series of Northumbrian murder mysteries. Now with her own publishing imprint, Dark Skies Publishing, her journey into print is as fascinating and intriguing as her thrillers.



## 12 noon VASEEM KHAN AND ABIR MUKHERJEE

### *MURDEROUS EMPIRE: FROM THE RAJ TO INDEPENDENT INDIA*

Through the lens of their best-selling historical crime fiction, Abir and Vaseem will bring to life an era that has helped shape the modern India that we know today.



## 2pm A.A. DHAND AND MARNIE RICHES

### *CRIMINALLY GRITTY IN THE CITY*

Whether Bradford, Manchester or London, the cities themselves become characters in A.A. Dhand and Marnie Riches gritty crime novels, set against the canvas of gloomy northern climates and infused with the corruption, injustice and inequality of urban life.



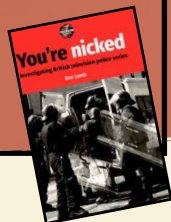
## 4pm STUART TURTON *THE DEVIL AND THE DARK WATER*

A roller coaster of an adventure featuring fugitive detectives, a twice-dead leper and a stalking demon, *The Devil and the Dark Water* is a deliciously sinister period chiller set on a blighted sea voyage to Amsterdam.



## 6pm BEN LAMB *YOU'RE NICKED!*

The first comprehensive study of television police series in the UK, covering all the most popular series that have helped to shape our cultural landscape over the last 50 years – from Dixon of Dock Green to Z Cars, Sweeney to Frost and Happy Valley. This will be a fascinating talk of real interest to crime drama enthusiasts everywhere!





10am

## SCHWA *HOPE OF A TREE*

Schwa take poems by a range of poets and sets them to intelligent, emotive music. Interspersed with the songs: readings from tree folklore, botany, as well as compelling accounts of tree activism from all over the world. *Hope of a Tree*; inspired by Richard Powers Pulitzer prize winning, *The Overstory*, is about the resilience of nature in spite of what humans continue to do to it, and about hope – despite the odds.

12 noon

## NATASHA PULLEY AND NYDIA HETHERINGTON

### *MYTH, MAGIC AND HISTORY*

Led by Festival of Words Author in Residence Louise Beech, this dazzling panel discussion will feature Nydia Hetherington talking about her enchanting debut *A Girl Made of Air* and bestselling author Natasha Pulley, discussing her beautiful, beguiling sequel to *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street*, *The Lost Future of Pepperharrow*.



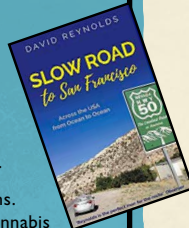
2pm

## DAVID REYNOLDS

### *SLOW ROAD TO SAN FRANCISCO*

Join David Reynolds to discuss his book where he recounts his journey along US Route 50, running right across the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Reynolds talks to people on the streets, in bars and cafes, motels and gas stations. They talk about everything from slavery and Indian reservations to fracking and cannabis and everyone has something to say about Donald Trump – love him or hate him!



4pm

## BEN COLLINS

### *FROM THE ROARING 20'S TO 2020 – ASTON MARTIN*

*Aston Martin* is a story of spies, speed and hard-driving genius: a driver's love letter to one of the world's best-loved machines.

Bestselling author, racer and stunt driver Ben Collins (formerly the 'Stig' from BBC Top Gear) explores the car with the double-o prefix from a unique perspective behind the wheel, carving through country lanes in his father's V8 Vantage, driving Aston Martins in four James Bond movies and competing against them in the legendary Le Mans 24-hour race. Join Ben for this discussion sharing his love of all things Aston.

